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THE COUNTRY'S NEEDS

More Farms, Fewer Fighting Machines, Says B. F. Yoakum.

TELLS OF MONEY SQUANDERED

Chairman of Rock Island-Frisco Railroad System Declares Money Wasted by Government Would Reclaim Much Land and Build Many Homes.

Expressing the opinion that the United States government would do better to encourage the development of more farms instead of more battleships, B. F. Yoakum, chairman of the executive committee of the Rock Island-Frisco railroad system, recently delivered at Shawnee, Okla., before the Farmers' union of Oklahoma a notable address on the partnership between the railroads and the farmers. He said in part:

"The farmers and the railroads are natural partners. The first thing inquired about by an investor in new railroad securities is the character of the country which the road will serve. If it can be shown that the territory to be served by the new railroad is a good farming country the greatest trouble in finding the money to build has been overcome. On the other hand, the first question a farmer seeking a location in a new country asks is, 'What are its railroad facilities?'"

"The things most needed by the farmer and the railroad, but which are neglected, to the detriment of both, are a better acquaintance and closer working relations. These mutual benefits can be attained through the officers of the Farmers' union, representing the producers, and the officers of the railroads, representing the carriers, dealing directly with each other."

"This country now needs what our forefathers used in laying its foundation—a lot of old fashioned common sense."

Farmer Has Good Judgment.

"Good judgment and fair dealing are found more generally among farmers than in persons in other occupations, and when they earnestly take hold of public questions they will occupy a place in our political structure that will make their good judgment and fair conclusions felt more and more in solving the relations of the government and its institutions."

"The United States government nineteen years ago commenced the construction of the Illinois and Mississippi canal. Its length is seventy-five miles, and it has cost to date, with interest at 3 per cent, over \$9,000,000, or \$120,000 per mile. To maintain this canal in its present useless condition costs the country's taxpayers \$90,000 a year, exclusive of interest on the investment. A freight boat has never passed through it."

"I mention this to illustrate one undertaking of the many which, through the lack of system or intelligent planning in advance of the construction of our inland waterways, make up the \$80,000,000 which is referred to by Commissioner Herbert Knox Smith as wasted."

"The government has expended approximately \$225,000,000 on the improvement of the Mississippi river and its tributaries. The tonnage handled over the waters of the Mississippi last year was one-third less than it was twenty years ago."

Should Make More Farms.

"The story of government extravagance of this kind is being told so broadly through the newspapers that the masses are beginning to realize that something is wrong."

"The same disregard of the value of money would send the strongest private business in this country into bankruptcy. A proper use of the pruning knife in a downward revision of expenses would bring surprising results."

"It is not practicable to itemize where reductions should be made, but they must come. The deficit should be cared for by reducing expenditures and not by raising taxes to increase revenues."

"The European nations are teaching us a lesson. The controversies in England, the recent troubles in Spain, the unrest in Russia, the quarrelling over military taxes in Germany and the struggle against new taxes in France should strengthen our faith in the proposition that it is better to grow more farm products and make prosperous the man who sows and harvests than to build more battleships and new guns."

"Secretary of Agriculture Wilson recently said that the most pressing needs of the United States are a greater proportion of farmers and more farming land in cultivation."

"We would better spend more of the money we burn up in powder in making new farms."

Gun's Price Would Make 196 Homes.

"A forty acre farm of irrigated land will comfortably support a family of five. It costs \$55,000 to make a twelve inch gun. The money that goes to pay for this gun would reclaim 1,571 acres of land, providing homes for 196 people. When all the guns on all the battleships are shot one time the government blows off in noise and smoke \$150,000. This would reclaim more than 4,000 acres of land, giving homes to more than 500 farmers and their families. The money consumed in powder is lost to all the future. The farmer who buys the reclaimed land must pay the government back in ten years, so it does not cost the government anything to build up the country by helping the farmer. We should make more homes and not so many fighting machines."

DISSOLUTION NOTICE

The partnership of Johnson and Johnson, owners of the Toggery, Corvallis, Oregon, has been this day dissolved, R. C. Herron having acquired the interests of J. C. Johnson and B. W. Johnson in the business, which will be hereafter conducted by C. V. Johnson and R. C. Herron, under the firm name of Johnson & Herron. The latter firm assumes and the liabilities of the business.

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